

The University of Arkansas - Department of Biological Sciences Seminar Series

An Epidemiologist Perspective on the COVID-19 Pandemic: What's Next?



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Dr. Amick will share experiences about the pandemic at UAMS's College of Public Health including information about UAMS's ongoing COVID-19 research.

Benjamin C. Amick III received his PHD in social epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at Yale School of Medicine in Psychosocial Epidemiology. He worked in the US Congress Office of Technology Assessment as a Policy Analyst while completing his PhD focusing on the impact of technological change in the workplace on worker health. Ben has worked at The Health Institute at New England Medical Center on the development and evaluation of patient-centered health outcome measures including the Work Limitations Questionnaire with appointments at both Harvard in the School of Public Health and Tufts in the School of Medicine. He moved to Houston Texas to co-found the Texas Program in Society and Health at Rice University and the University of Texas School of Public Health. Throughout his career he has worked at the Institute for Work & Health (IWH) in Toronto Canada. IWH is the pre-eminent research group doing translational work-related research in North America. He has been involved in multiple health care, labor market and organizational program evaluations in the US, Canada and internationally. He recently stepped down as Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management at Florida International University in Miami to become Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health. Currently he is collaborating with researchers at the University of Groningen Medical Center in the Netherlands on life course epidemiology research focused on cancer survivors and work role functioning and mental health and the school to work transition. He is currently leading efforts in COVID19 contact tracing and seroprevalence in Arkansas.